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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

We draw the attention of the Examiner to the attached non-English Actions and the references cited therein. The Actions are from the Japanese Patent Office in respect of

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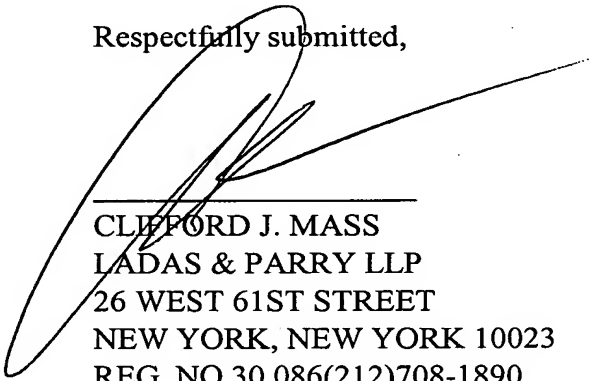
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(a) JP 2003-335547, which is a counterpart of the present application, and (b) JP 2003-014080, which is a counterpart of co-pending U.S. application Serial No. 10/763,402.

Applicants also attach an English translation of each of the Japanese Actions indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign office. The English translations of the Actions make consideration of any non-English art required. MPEP 609.

Form PTO-1449 is also attached with reference copies.

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	AR	Japanese Official Action dated June 27, 2006 in Japanese Application No. 2003-335547 with English Translation					
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